

Today

Foolish Dutchmen—Remain Free.  
Lady Conductors—Same Pay.  
Combine Farming and Soldiering.  
President Wilson Revolutionist.

A Dutch newspaper threatens war against the United States, if we use Dutch ships lying idle here. Short-sighted. Every Dutchman knows that victory for Prussia would mean that Holland would become Prussian. Holland wants to make money out of the war—we are the last nation to criticize her for that—we showed sufficient eagerness ourselves. But if we are willing to make the fight that Holland cannot make, for continued Dutch freedom, the Dutch should not object, even though their ships be used in the work as they will be—and the Dutch paid for them.

In Austria, Prince Lichenstein declares, "Austria holds out her hands for settlement of world conquest." Austria should have held out her hands three years ago in a friendly way toward Serbia, instead of announcing her intention to crush that little kingdom, because one of its fanatics murdered one of her worthless brood of parasite archdukes. The war has reached a stage in which holding out their hands will not do for Germany or Austria. The thing now to do is to hold UP their hands and say, "We surrender."

When you catch a burglar you do not let him keep his gun. When civilization catches the Kaiser, it will not let him keep his gun, or his army or his navy. "No second trip for a mad dog," is civilization's motto.

Ambassador Gerard says he saw Crown Prince of Prussia playing tennis, and "he can give a good account of himself in any company short of the top-notch." At the present, however, in another game the prince is competing with "the top," and you may be sure that he has not long to stay in the game.

Women motormen and conductors for street cars? Have we got as far along as that?

If the woman conductor and the motor lady are to come, let them at least be paid AS WELL AS MEN for the same work. Let them make the companies less enthusiastic about employing women in the kind of work that men only ought to do.

Shipyards are short of labor. Factories, stores, packing houses, all work lacks human hands.

Is it not possible to use in national production some of the men enlisted in the army and give them the necessary training at the same time. Could not four hours of drill in the open air, and eight hours of useful work be made into a combination that would produce soldiers?

Tradition says men wearing the King's uniform must not be degraded by labor unless for King or officer. But a different sentiment might be made for men wearing the uniform of a republic in which all are supposed to work.

What are average regular NECESSARY working hours of the soldier in military drill? Could not other working hours be devoted to useful production be included in the soldier's life—the soldier paid accordingly, of course.

An Englishman offers five hundred dollars to the first British aviator that will drop a bomb on Berlin.

How much for the first American that will drop a bomb on the Kaiser's spiked helmet?

How soon shall we be sending some kind of flying machine, ANY kind of flying machine able to carry a hundred pounds of dynamite over the Hindenburg line?

Englishmen hold one hundred million dollars of mortgages on American farms. The British government ordered that this money should be paid for use in war. Now the order is canceled, the farmers may keep the loans.

Wouldn't it be a good idea for the United States to lend this money to the farmer at three and a half per cent—they are probably paying Englishmen six or seven per cent, or more.

Then let the money be paid to the owners of the mortgages and lent to the British government.

In other words, wouldn't it be a good idea to let England borrow a hundred million less from us, take back her mortgage money, and let American farmers have the advantage of cheap money for their mortgages. This would suit England perfectly. It is only out of good nature and friendly consideration that she has consented to cancel the order to have these mortgages paid off.

President Wilson is a revolutionist, and will admit it.

His letter to the Pope which told the German people that they could have a decent peace if they would get rid of their Kaiser is the little Wilson scorn rapidly growing into a German revolutionist's oak. The Germans know that the President meant exactly what he said. And when the revolution in Germany comes—as it will if the Kaiser waits too long—it will be President Wilson's private revolution.

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# DIG GUNS THUNDERING ON THIRTY MILE FRONT

## U. S. NAVAL ATTACK MAY FOLLOW LOSS OF ANTILLES

Official Washington Believes  
Sinking of Transport Will  
Arouse Country to Offensive  
Action Against Kaiser's Navy

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America's first war disaster and its effect on the psychology of the nation has long been speculatively discussed in Washington.

Now that scores of American lives have been lost on a transport, there are those in the Government who believe the country will be quickened and aroused to the immensity of its task and that out of the feeling of resentment at the submarine attacks will come a quiet but fierce spirit of retaliation.

Personal Safety Equation.

Not a few, however, are apprehensive that among the untutored where the thinking is in terms of personal safety and selfish convenience instead of the great cause involved in the present war, the effect will be to strengthen the hand of those who have been urging a premature peace.

The Government collectively and individually is deeply grieved over the loss of life. More poignant is the sorrow than might be expected to issue from those whose business it is to drive the war machine steadily onward.

Consolation over the fact that the vessel was caught on a homeward journey instead of while en route to France with thousands of troops aboard, is frequently expressed here, but inside of Washington where the good fortune of the United States thus far had been often commented upon, there would be no real surprise if miniature overtook a vessel bound the other way.

No Real Defense Now.

The fact is there is no real defense against Germany's invisible war craft. The Government is sternly prepared for any eventuality. So must the people be.

England's experience is pointed to as similar to that which the United States must face unless great good fortune and luck is with America. When the first battleship was lost, followed later by heavy losses on land and then the sinking of a transport laden with troops, English public opinion, slow to anger, developed gradually intense spirit of revenge and recruiting was visibly stimulated.

Coming at a time when the Government here is appealing for subscriptions to the Liberty loan, it was predicting that the true spirit of America would be awakened by the challenge on the sea and that support would be forthcoming to build destroyers and other craft to minimize if possible the loss of troops while en route to the battlefield.

See Keener Realization.

Keener realization by the people of the great sacrifices that must be made in the future, better understanding of Germany's treacherous method of attack without warning on vessels first bearing noncombatants and now combatants, a circumstance that led to America's entrance into the war, and appreciation of the ruthlessness of German warfare are dwelt upon in Washington today as certain effects of yesterday's sea tragedy. So much for the opinion here as to what the country will think.

Inside the Government there are other thoughts. Those who have been insisting that the United States should not fight a defensive war on the seas, but persuade the British navy to join with the American navy in an attack on submarine bases, feel that yesterday's happening will mean a change vitally in the naval policy of the allies.

Admiral Mayo vainly pleaded with

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## President Proclaims Day of Prayer For the Triumph of American Arms

President Wilson today proclaimed Sunday, October 28, as a day of prayer for the triumph of American arms. It follows:

"Whereas the Congress of the United States, by concurrent resolution adopted on the fourth day of the present month of October, in view of the entrance of our nation into the vast and awful war which now afflicts the greater part of the world, has requested me to set apart by official proclamation a day on which our people should be called upon to offer concerted prayer to Almighty God for His divine aid in the success of our arms;

"And whereas it behooves a great free people, nurtured as we have been in the eternal principles of justice and of right, a nation which has sought from the earliest days of its existence to be obedient to the Divine teachings which have inspired it in the exercise of its liberties to turn always to the Supreme Master and cast themselves in faith at His feet, praying for His aid and succor in every hour of trial, to the end that the great aims to which our fathers dedicated our power as a people may not perish among men, but be always asserted and defended with fresh ardor and devotion and, through the Divine blessings, set at last upon enduring foundations for the benefit of all the free peoples of the earth;

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, gladly responding to the wish expressed by the Congress, do appoint October 28, being the last Sunday of the present month as a day of supplication and prayer for all the people of the nation, earnestly exhorting all my countrymen to observe the appointed day according to their several faiths, in solemn prayer that God's blessing may rest upon the high task which is laid upon us, to the end that the cause for which we give our lives and treasure may triumph and our efforts be blessed with high achievement."

## NAVY TAKES TWO SHIPS FOR HOSPITAL USE

The Navy Department has taken over the Saratoga and Savannah, merchant ships, and will convert them into hospital ships. Work of fitting out the two vessels for their new service already has been started under the direction of Surgeon General Braisted, of the navy.

The two ships will each have a capacity of 300 beds. There will be operating rooms, diet kitchens, sterilizing rooms, a laboratory, and an x-ray room. Every facility for the care of sick and wounded at sea will be provided.

The only hospital ship now in the navy is the Solace, which is entirely inadequate to the demands.

U-BOATS CANNOT FORCE  
PEACE, SAYS DEPUTY

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 20.—"Our U-boats have not protected us against a fourth winter of war. They will not in a few months, or even one or two years, force England to peace, as the Pan-Germans say they will," declared Dr. David, Socialist deputy, before the Wuerzburg conference.

The deputy declared that Germany was warned by the Socialist deputies against an unrestricted submarine campaign. "Military pressure alone," he continued, "will not bring peace."

## BOY SCOUTS AND ELDERS COMBING D.C. TO AID LOAN

Capital Youth in Patriotic  
Struggle for President's Silk  
Banner—Business Men Give  
Day to Canvass.

American aviators in France flew over the German lines today and showered thousands of Liberty loan posters on the enemy troops.

While flyers from training camps in the United States rained the principal cities with paper "bombs," airmen on the fighting fronts, under orders from General Pershing, carried the Liberty message of the loan to the Germans themselves, the Treasury Department announced. The Lafayette escouille took the leading part in the Liberty bombardment.

Two new forces were thrown with vigor into the Liberty loan campaign in Washington today to carry subscriptions to the goal of \$20,000,000. Two thousand Boy Scouts started an intensive house-to-house selling campaign.

President Wilson will present a silk American flag with an honor pennant to the Washington troop that leads the others in bond sales on a pro rata basis. In addition each boy selling bonds to more than ten families will be presented with a special medal by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Business Men's Coats Off. Supplementing the efforts of the Liberty loan committee and other volunteers giving all of their time to the loan, a special committee of prominent business and professional men laid aside their private interests today for an intensive door-to-door canvass of the entire business section.

Each member of the committee headed by Joseph M. Stoddard has been allotted a specific section of the city to cover. They are determined to let no business or professional man or woman, employer or employee, escape the nation's call.

An enrollment meeting was held by the committee this morning to carry the membership over the necessary hundred canvassers to cover the business section. The Cleveland Park and Chevy Chase Committee of 150, formed Thursday night for a house-to-house canvass, began its efforts in earnest today.

Seven Days Left. But seven more days remain to carry subscriptions in Washington to the maximum figure of \$20,000,000. But a little over \$5,000,000 has been subscribed as yet, according to the figures officially reported. This means that from today forward subscriptions will have to average better than

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## 27 Killed--53 Injured In Night Air Raid Over London

Activity in the air is increasing with every day's advancement of the war. Both the allies and the Germans are giving increased importance to the value of their flying forces and are using them for almost daily raids in enemy territory.

Today's dispatches detail a raid over London, resulting in the death of 27 and injuring 53.

From Paris the news is sent that three Zeppelins of a raiding fleet were brought down by aircraft guns.

### Planes Convoy Zeppelins

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and fifty-three injured in last night's air raid over eastern and northeast London district, Lord French announced today.

Swift German battle planes convoyed Zeppelins in the attack.

There were between five and eight aircraft in the raiding fleet and bombs were dropped over a wide area, although the attackers did not seem to have any definite objective.

A terrific barrage fire almost completely surrounded this city and the sky was alight with flare from searchlights, bursting shrapnel, projectiles, and star shells.

### Three Zeppelins Destroyed

PARIS, Oct. 20.—French defenders today destroyed three Zeppelins of a raiding fleet which flew over French territory to the east.

One of the aerial cruisers was brought down at 7 a. m. today by anti-aircraft fire near St. Clement, in the department of Meurthe and Moselle. Another came down in flames in the region of Rambervilliers.

At least one other fell victim to the French defensive fire.

The official announcement did not give details. One report in Paris today was that more than three of the invading squadron had been destroyed.

## ATLANTIC COAST RAILWAY TIED UP BY FREIGHT STRIKE

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 20.—The Atlantic Coast Line railroad today faced virtual complete suspension of its freight movement through a general strike of freight clerks. Men were out this morning at Richmond, Goldsboro, Wilson, N. C.; Tarboro, N. C.; Fayetteville, Jacksonville, N. C., and Rocky Mount. Other points were expected to be tied up later today.

## NATIONAL SPUD WEEK WILL START MONDAY

National spud week begins Monday, and for six days every patriotic American is expected to eat all the potatoes he can—stuffed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, boiled potatoes, and mashed potatoes, not to mention potato soup and potato biscuit.

According to the Department of Agriculture, which is backing the campaign, the special effort by all men, women, and children to eat potatoes will help win the war by conserving the wheat supply. Furthermore the potato is the most available and most economical starchy food in the country in the present emergency.

A special potato recipe has been officially prepared for each day of the campaign.

## BET ON WHITE SOX WAS MADE IN VERDUN

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(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Sept. 29 (By mail).—Two White Sox fans today placed a bet way up in Verdun. They bet with a Milwaukee man who pulls for the Glants to win the world's series—15 to 10, that the Sox clean up.

The three Americans came up to the citadel in Verdun in the line of duty, running a supply train on a French railroad. While waiting for the Pollus to unload the cars so they could start back to the base, the Americans inspected the town. At least that evening they fell in with three American sergeants—chauffeurs—so the American contingent was six strong to inspect the citadel.

## CONSTANTINE DYING FROM OLD WOUND

PARIS, Oct. 20.—Former King Constantine of Greece is near death at Zurich following two operations on an old wound. The first trouble experienced with the wound was in 1915, when it was reported that he had been stabbed.

## Two Born In Kansas, Another In Colorado, But They're Triplets

DENVER, Oct. 20.—Three children who arrived yesterday in the family of J. H. Atkinson, of Seattle, Wash., are said to have a lot of explaining to do when they grow up. Although they are triplets, two of them were born in one State and the third was born in a neighboring State. Here's the explanation:

Mrs. Atkinson became a mother while aboard a west-bound Rock Island train. Two of the children were born in Kansas and the third in Colorado, after the train crossed the State line. Mother and children are doing nicely, and will stop for a brief visit at Colorado Springs.

## FOOD COMMISSION CURTAILS SUGAR TO LUXURY MAKERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Patrons of the Majestic Hotel today received a jolt when they faced the menu cards.

"Sugar, two lumps, 5 cents. Powdered sugar, 10 cents a portion."

Reduction in sugar sales to confectioners and other "luxury" manufacturers has been ordered by the Hoover food administration, it was officially stated today.

In view of the growing shortage of sugar and soaring prices to the average consumer, it was made plain that if necessary the Government would not hesitate to curtail all "luxury" uses of sugar.

Soft drinks are classed by Hoover with candy as a luxury. Bakery cake is not a luxury, but the usual frosting on it will have to be eliminated in the future.

Forty-five per cent of the sugar used in this country goes into luxuries, the food administration estimated.

Appeals Failed. Appeals for economy in sugar consumption having failed to relieve the shortage, today's order was decided upon by Hoover. Candy consumption has increased enormously in the United States recently, despite a rise in price of the confections. The increase was reported to be particularly noticeable in prohibition territory, and around army cantonnements.

While the step announced today was taken with the hope that a complete shutdown on candy making will not become necessary, this will be inevitable if the incoming beet sugar crop does not solve the shortage. The food administration stated that the latter crop should enable candy makers who may have to shut down now to resume operations within a few weeks.

The administration's order will be (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

## PASHA PLOTTED TO ENABLE GERMANY TO SEIZE MEXICO

PARIS, Oct. 20.—A tremendous sensation was caused today by the announcement of the Matin that Bolo Pasha, alleged German agent, was engaged in a gigantic plot to enable Germany to seize Mexico.

The story is based upon evidence given by Baron Guenin at the preliminary investigation of Bolo Pasha which is still under way. After he had concluded testifying, says the Matin, Baron Guenin remarked that he believed his testimony would certainly bring Mexico into the war on the side of the allies.

## BANDIT SHOTS WOMAN WHO TRIES TO ESCAPE

SHEENANDOAH, Pa., Oct. 20.—A highwayman held up Misses Mae Ryan and Sara Lewis, on their way home from a dance, choking and robbing Miss Ryan, of \$5 and shooting Miss Lewis.

After the bandit had finished with Miss Ryan, he demanded money from Miss Lewis who had stood by scared out of her wits, but who, by this time, was able to scream for help and run. The highwayman fired four shots after her. One bullet struck her in the left hip, fracturing the bone and felling her. The other shots went wild.

The shooting aroused the neighborhood, but the robber escaped to Locust mountain.

## RUMORED VISIT EXCITES ITALIANS, BUT NOT T. R.

ROME, Oct. 20.—Rome was greatly excited by a rumor today that Colonel Roosevelt was shortly to visit the Italian front. Its source was not traceable.

Called on the telephone Colonel Roosevelt, now taking a physical culture course at Jack Cooper's sanatorium in Stamford, Conn., merely remarked in answer to the above: "Don't ask me nonsensical questions."

## OPERATORS SIDETRACK STRIKE FOR LOAN WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—"We did it for patriotism," said John Morgan Thaler, president of the Pacific district council of electrical workers, when it was officially announced that 11,500 men and girls employed by the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone Company had postponed carrying strike orders into effect until after the close of the Liberty loan campaign.

## ANOTHER DRIVE BY HAIG NOW EXPECTED

British, French, Belgian, and Portuguese Typhoon Fire Blazes Way Almost to Coast of the North Sea.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Two British destroyers, the Mary Rose and the Strongbow, were sunk Wednesday in a sea battle in the North Sea, between the Shetland Islands and the Norway coast, the admiralty announced today.

The two destroyers formed an anti-submarine escort and were sunk in action fighting against German naval forces who attacked the convoy, it was stated.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—An artillery battle "of all nations" is raging today over a thirty-mile front in Belgium.

British, French, Belgian, Portuguese, and German guns are in action. Again has the cannonade on the west Flanders front risen to such a tenacity of "typhoon fire" that it can be heard in England.

Battle Line Extends.

The big gun duel which was formerly confined to the area northeast and southeast of Ypres now extends almost to Neuport. The firing is especially severe around Ramelepe, in the inundated district where the Belgian lines stand.

(Ramelepe is south of Neuport and only three miles from the North sea coast.)

It is generally predicted by British military experts that another infantry drive by Field Marshal Haig's army is about due.

## RUSSIANS LOSE HOPE OF HOLDING REVAL UNTIL WINTER COMES

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Hope that Russia would be able to make effective resistance to a German envelopment of Reval and occupation before winter's snows of that strategic point from which a campaign may be directed next spring against Petrograd, was practically abandoned here today.

Germany has never concentrated such a powerful fleet of all types of vessels since the war began as that which is smothering Russian defense around Riga gulf. Any one of ten dreadnaughts forming only one part of the invading squadrons is in itself able to cope with the whole Russian fleet—out-ranging and outspeeding the Russians.

Zeppelins Over Whole Zone.

Zeppelins are being used over the whole naval fighting zone. Hundreds of small mine sweepers are co-operating. The only thing lacking in this fleet are transports, according to reports from Petrograd. All landing parties so far have been of sailors. Hindenburg cannot spare soldiers just now.

Today's reports indicate that the German sweep over Dago Island was continuing. The next step will be a landing on the coast of Esthonia for the expected rear movement against Reval, already being abandoned by Russians. Such a move will also require readjustment of the whole Russian army line further south is Livonia.

Petrograd has been exceedingly reticent of all news of the army front in this section. It was believed here, however, that Premier Kere-

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